Edinburgh 16/11/47 —

My dear Friend

I send with this the list of Contributions in the Edinburgh box which we hope will reach in safety by the Packet which is to sail from Liverpool on the 19th inst — at least they will sail from this in ample time to do so — I am sorry that the United States do not do so well as they are done last again — they are some of them not very clean or well dressed and we thought of having them washed and nicely dressed — but since learning that they dont sell so well and fearing they might be injured heavily have just put them in in a rough way to make them look of little value — and as the box will we must be received sooner than last year

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there will be time if you think proper to do this - and a few of the cotton knitted articles would be greatly improved too some of these were brought in at the very last and had been left over a sale held here last winter - -

There are also 3 or 4 old frocks sent by a Lady who has in former years as well as this given good new things these have been sent merely as wrappers instead of Paper or shawls to fill up - and surely when the Custom house Officers see such worthless things at the top they will be moderate We did not know what value to put on the autographs but one person thought that some people would give the price we have marked on them for Clarkson & Chalmers alone - we should much like to know what they are valued

at with you — or whether it is worth
while sending any more — This is a
place where with a little enquiry
many distinguished Autographs
may be got if desirable —
The dolls are marked high, but if
the dress is examined great pains
have been taken with some of
them — The Ship is constructed by a
young man who lives near Newcastle
he did not put any price upon it
but a Person acquainted with such
things said it was a beautiful model
and the work alone was worth a
good deal — we have said a good
deal less than he valued it at.
The knitted caps are kind to dispose of
here — three there are three sorts The
two largest are made by the daugh
ter of Judge Marshall formerly of
Nova Scotia — and might answer for
dress caps for a delicate little girl —
She also did the two finest beaded pin

customers.— But wholesale is not so saleable if we are only told rather earlier shall take care to avoid one and do what you tell us do best.

Will J. S. Buckingham Invocation be in time for the Liberty Bell? The confections are a new speculation and shan't like to know how they do— Please acknowledge the things from Kirkaldy this year as last it was said they had sent £10 instead of work whereas it was in addition to a good assortment of pretty things— L. & B. Heildelch's list is enclosed— The Welsh dolls are from them for Douglass so is Wrexham Church— The Large Engravings are just marked at the prices given for them by the contributors Miss Renton— We are very sorry the amount is so much short of last year— but it is from no falling off in zeal— other causes can be assigned

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most of our contributors have been working for Local Bazaars for charitable purposes - and had got tired of so much of that kind of work - and a considerable number have been getting married within the last few weeks - who will perhaps be more at liberty to help another time than they have been this at any rate we feel none disc[ou]raged - and as we hear of contributions going from some new places in England we hope you may yet realise the ten thousand dollars you had set your hearts upon -

Parliament meets tomorrow and is anticipated with great interest as the present has been a most calamitous time to this nation - Than will have

read the causes and finds George
Thompson intends to pursue
I trust he will be spared & enabled
to follow it out. — What does Chan
think of the Free Labour movement?
can it be depended on that the cotton
from which the goods are made
is free produce. — We are all willing
to use it here in preference if it be
so — still that will take far too
long to abolish Slavery —
We have been hoping to receive
tidings from America before
sending this off but dare wait
no longer — we hope to hear that
dear W. L. Garrison keeps better
and able for his labours again
There is a note enclosed for Adin
Ballou — which Emily thinks thee
to forward to him not knowing
his address — and if any thing —

is coming to Scotland this year the Books ordered from him might come along with or in the parcel direct either to Edinburgh or Glasgow — he will gladly pay the carriage and forward any that may be ordered for other places — as it takes a long time before we can get any thing from either Dublin or Bristol. —

I have been long in attending to the receipt of thy last very acceptable letter — and can deeply sympathise with thee in the feelings under which it was written having been called up on to pass through similar scenes trials during the past year, and do feel to suffer with & for many dear friends who have most

unfriendly been plunged into pe
cuniary difficulties by failures
of Banks and Joint Stock compa
nies - reduced from security &
affluence as they believed - & wit
out any dishonest intention o
their part. - to grief & distre
and so frequently are we hearing
of such things that no one knows
what is to happen next or who
is to escape in the general ca
amity. - -

Our dear Eliza has had to go to Da
lin before this to spend the winte
with her Sisters Mary & Edmunds
but she I am sure unites with
me in kindest regards to the
and all fellow labourers - and
in ardent wishes for the succ
of the coming Bazaar and al
other means that can lead to pr
mote the cause for which we lab
& pray - I am My affectionate frien
Jane Watkins -

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